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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Diane Salkie  
ATTN: Lower Passaic River Remedial Project Manager  
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U.S. EPA, Region 2  
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**Re: Monthly Progress Report No. 100 – December 2020  
Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA)  
River Mile 10.9 Removal Action  
CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2015**

Dear Ms. Salkie:

**de maximis, inc.** is submitting this Monthly Progress Report for the above-captioned project on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Settlement Agreement or AOC). The Progress Report satisfies the reporting requirements of Paragraph 28 of the River Mile (RM) 10.9 Removal Action (RA) Settlement Agreement. The CPG previously identified several issues in Section (d) that delayed and complicated the completion of the RM 10.9 RA. These issues have been resolved by the Region's approval of the Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMMP) and the RM 10.9 RA Final Construction Report.

**(a) Actions which have been taken to comply with this Settlement Agreement during the previous month.**

**Meetings/Conference Calls**

- None.

**Correspondence**

- On December 3, EPA Region 2 (Region 2) and CPG exchanged emails on the status of the RM 10.9 Characterization Program Report
- On December 7, EPA Region 2 (Region 2) and CPG exchanged emails on the status of the RM 10.9 Annual Cap Inspection Reports
- On December 15, CPG delivered the November Monthly Progress Report

**Work**

- N/A

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**(b) Results of Sampling and Tests**

- N/A

**(c) Work planned for the next two months with schedules relating to the overall project schedule for construction completion and monitoring**

- CPG will respond to additional Region 2 comments on the revised Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMMP 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report.
- CPG will respond to Region 2 comments on the revised Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMMP 2018 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report.
- CPG will respond to any additional Region 2 comments on the Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMMP Year 5 Report.

**(d) Problems encountered and anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address actual or anticipated problems or delays**

- N/A

If you have any questions, please contact me at 215-806-7688.

Very truly yours,

**de maximis, inc.**



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